

P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance

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P.R.I.M.E. Finance Announces Kristy M. Tillman as Executive Director

The P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation, The Hague-based independent non-profit that directs the activities of its Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance, announces the appointment of Kristy M. Tillman as its initial Executive Director. Ms. Tillman joins P.R.I.M.E. Finance after five years of service at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), an independent self-regulatory agency in the United States that oversees broker-dealers and individuals who sell securities in the U.S. securities markets. At FINRA, Ms. Tillman was senior counsel in the Department of Enforcement and handled a broad range of investigations and enforcement actions against firms and individuals who violated U.S. securities laws and FINRA Rules.

Prior to working at FINRA, Ms. Tillman was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP, a leading international law firm. During her time at Paul, Weiss, Ms. Tillman represented financial services clients in internal investigations, regulatory actions and private securities litigation and provided litigation and strategic advice to international commercial clients.

"We are thrilled to have Kristy join us at P.R.I.M.E. Finance," states Jeffrey Golden, Chairman of the P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation. "P.R.I.M.E. Finance has made tremendous strides in the last five years as an arbitral institution for complex financial disputes and judicial training centre. Kristy brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to P.R.I.M.E. Finance and is the perfect fit to help us implement its strategic goals and realize its potential."

Ms. Tillman is a 2003 *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1996 *summa cum laude* graduate of Louisiana Tech University. Immediately following graduation from law school, Ms. Tillman was a law clerk for the Honorable Norma L. Shapiro (dec.) on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Against a backdrop of financial crisis, P.R.I.M.E. Finance opened its doors in 2012 and joined forces with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), also based in The Hague, in 2015. The P.R.I.M.E. Finance expert panel currently comprises 135 preeminent experts in finance and dispute resolution from around the world who collectively have over 4000 years of relevant market and legal experience. The mission of P.R.I.M.E. is to provide expertise to resolve complex financial disputes and, as a complement to regulatory initiatives and reform, bring certainty and stability to global financial markets.

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